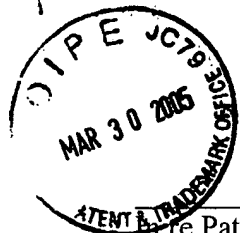


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 3, 2005

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 3, 2005, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, claims in Group I, specifically Claims 1-29, for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, Claims 1-29, drawn to a depalletizing apparatus for separating and transporting stacked objects, classified in class 414, subclass 797; Group II, Claims 30-59, drawn to a robotic assembly for separating and transporting stacked objects, classified in class 901, subclass 40; and Group III, Claims 60-81, drawn to a method for separating and transporting stacked objects, classified in class 414, subclass 747.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02840US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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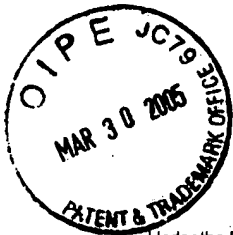
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